



Lesson 1.5

Safety and Security of UNMO

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- Terms and definitions
 - United Nations Security Management System (UNSMS)
 - Responsibility of stakeholders for UNMO safety and security
 - Importance of situational awareness for UNMO in UNPKO
 - UNMO's responsibility for personal safety and security



Learning Outcomes

- Explain the distinction between safety and security
- List the categories of threats to the UN
- Explain the responsibilities of stakeholders to UNMO safety and security
- Explain how to enhance situational awareness to support UNMO safety and security
- Explain UNMO's responsibility for personal safety and security



Terms and Definitions



Tsunami

- **Safety:** Protection against **accidental** events
 - No “intent” to harm



Bomb blast: UN Base, Baghdad

- **Security:** Protection against **intentional** damages
 - There is “intent” to harm



Terms and Definitions



- **Threat:** A potential cause of harm resulting from by deliberate actions



- **Hazard:** Potential cause of harm resulting from non-deliberate actions



- **Vulnerability:** A weakness that makes us (the UN) susceptible to harm

- **Risk:** The likelihood of harmful events and its impact.

– Risk = Likelihood x Impact

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LIKELY	Low	Medium	High	High	Very High
MODERATELY LIKELY	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	High
UNLIKELY	Very Low	Very Low	Low	Medium	Medium
VERY UNLIKELY	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low	Low	Low



Categories of Threats in UNPKO



Armed Conflict



Civil Unrest



Terrorism



Crime



Hazards

Responsibility for UNMO's Safety & Security

UN Security Management System (UNSMS)

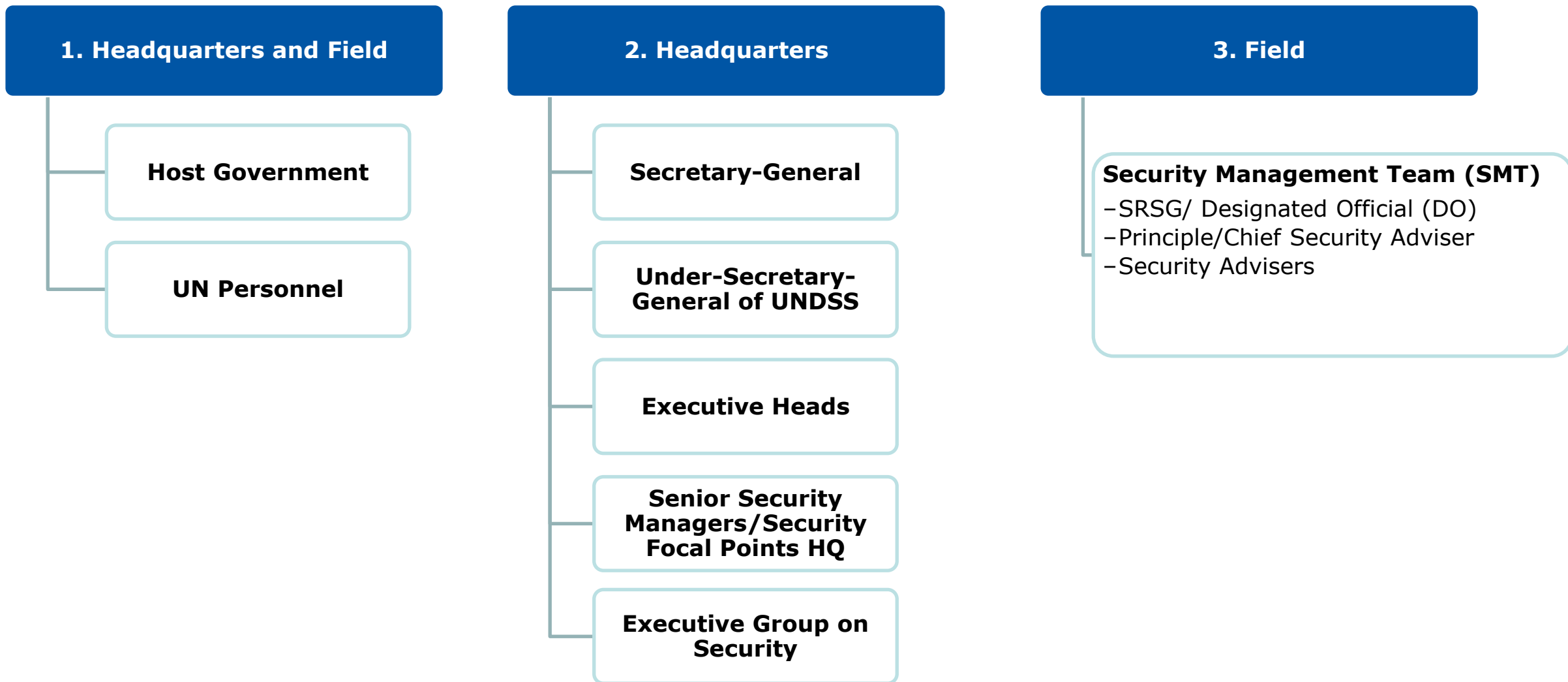


- Host government – Primary
- **UNDSS (UNSMS) – Reinforces**
- Designated Contingent – Supplements
- UNMO – Essential

UNMO fall under the UNSMS



UNSMS Structure



Security Risk Management (SRM)



Step 1

- Geographical Scope and Timeframe

Step 2

- Situational Analysis

Step 3

- Programme Assessment

Step 4

- Threat Assessment

Step 5

- Security Risk Assessment

Step 6

- Security Risk Measures

Step 7

- Security Risk Management Implementation

Step 8

- Acceptable Risk Decision

Step 9

- Follow Up and Review



Risk Matrix

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Importance of Situational Awareness



- Understand the threat within the respective Team Site AOR, including:
 - Local threat environment
 - Key security vulnerabilities
 - Security responsibilities and awareness
- Security of TS and access control
- Security of equipment and belongings
- Security of information
- Personnel security



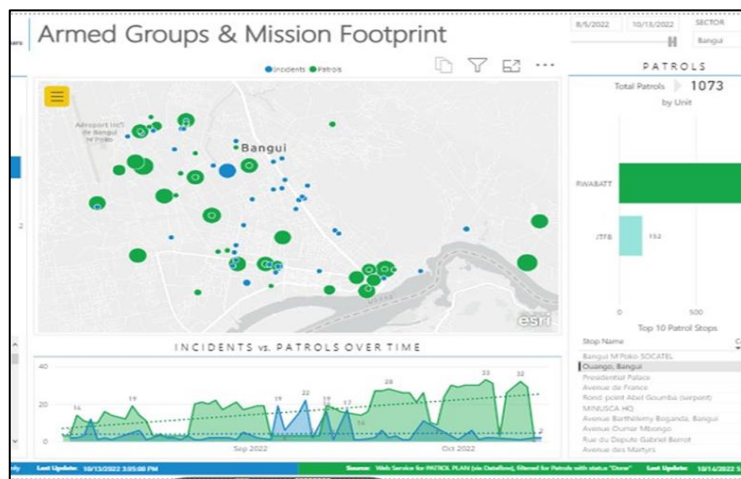
Enhancing Situational Awareness



- Regular briefings
- Updated situation maps
- Use of digital tools

- Unite Aware Platform

- Updates from JOC and JMAC
- Co-ordination with other UN offices





Contingent Supplement Plans

FHQ / FC assigns responsibility for the safety and security of UNMO to SHQ and Units



- FHQ directives and SOPs
- Co-located with military or police contingents
- Contingency plans
- Security escorts

UNMO's Responsibility for Personal Safety and Security



- Attend security briefings and complete mandatory security training
- Familiarise themselves with the UNSMS and security equipment
- Create and maintain a UNDSS profile
- Never endanger their security or that of others
- Always comply with UNSMS security regulations and procedures
- Report all security incidents



Security Plan



UNSMS
Contact List



Evacuation and
Relocation Plans



Medical Plans



Warden
System



Specific
Response Plans



Emergency
Communications

Have the Mission Security Officers/Wardens' number with you!

Some Tips for UNMO during Pre-Deployment Phase



- UNMEM Guidelines
 - Administrative Procedures
- Guidelines on UNMO in UNPKO
 - Pre-Deployment Training requirements
- 2024 Policy and 2018 Guidelines on Operational Readiness Preparation
- Additional Guidance:
 - BSAFE Course
 - Understanding of the environment
 - Health

Some Tips for UNMO during Pre-Deployment Phase – BSAFE course



Abide by security policies, guidelines, directives, plans, and procedures of UNSMS

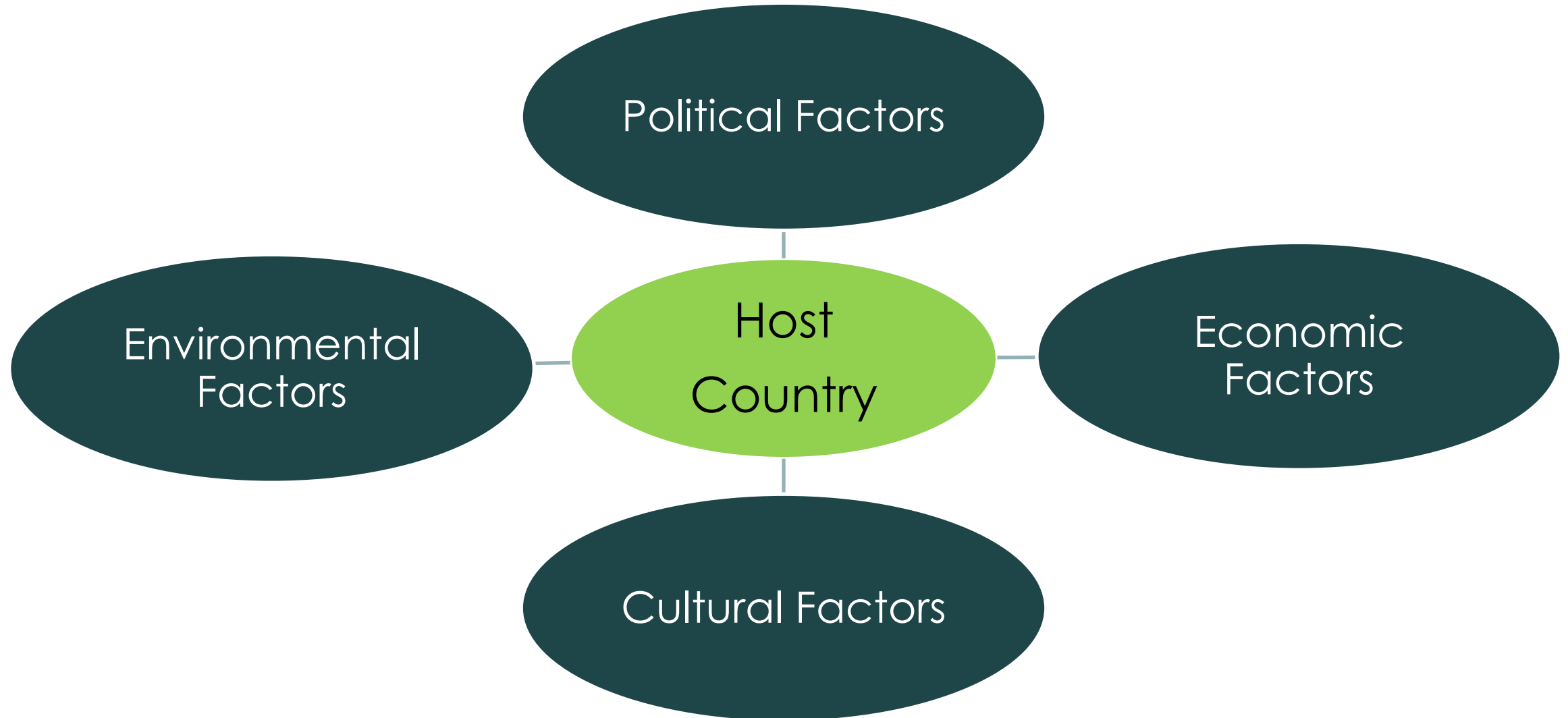


UNDSS BSAFE course

Required for all UN personnel

<https://dss.un.org>

Some Tips for UNMO during Pre-Deployment Phase – Country situation



Some Tips for UNMO during Pre-Deployment Phase – Health Hazards



- **Communicable Diseases**

- Ebola
- Malaria
- Dengue



- **Mental Health**

- Stress
- Anxiety



- **Sexual Diseases**

- AIDS
- Others

- **Precautions before Deployment**

- Briefings on common diseases and health risks
- Preventive measures
- Required immunization
- Personal protection
- Hygiene practices



Some Tips for UNMO upon Deployment

- In-Mission Training and guidelines
 - Security Guidelines
 - TRIP for official travel
 - Road Safety
 - Evacuation Run Bag
 - Coordination and Communication



Some Tips for UNMO upon Deployment – Security Guidelines



- Receive security briefings upon arrival
- Residence assessed by a security officer
- Be included in UNSMS security plans
- Maintain liaison with Wardens
- Contingency plan and exercises with evacuation force
- Ensure communication equipment is functional

Some Tips for UNMO upon Deployment – Travel Request Information Process (TRIP)



- Mandatory online process for official travel
- Security clearance is required to know your whereabouts
- Enables UN to provide security support
 - Movement of Personnel (MOP): travel within mission area

TRIP clearance is mandatory for official travel

Some Tips for UNMO upon Deployment – Road Safety



- UN driving permit
- Negligent driving is a critical concern
- Adherence to regulations
- Defensive driving techniques
- Avoid distractions
- Speed management

Some Tips for UNMO upon Deployment – Run Bag



IMPORTANT

The items shown are **PRIORITY**. Make sure there is room for them in your back-pack before considering any other items of less importance for your evacuation.

“UN Staff Evacuation RUN BAG”

an example of run bag & content

Before you run, make sure you leave no confidential documents behind!

Plan and organize your packing logically. Things you need easily accessible to be packed on top.

All contents to be packed in plastic bags before put in back pack.

Documents & cash	Back pack 30 – 50 liters Roll mat 10 Kg		Water
Spare warm clothes, underwear, socks, hat, scarf etc.	Food & other nutritions		
Wet weather gear	Sleeping bag (if available)	Pillow (if available)	
First Aid kit & Field dressings	Pen-knife Notebook & pen Vitamin tablets Towel & toiletries Sunglasses Camera Torch & extra batteries Insect repellent		

Some Tips for UNMO upon Deployment – Coordination and Communication



**Establish Clear
Communication
Protocols**



**Coordination
with Security
and Mission
Leadership**



**Develop
Comprehensive
Contingency
Plans**



**Regular Training
and Drills**



**Engagement
with Local
Communities**



Summary of Key Messages

- Safety is the protection against accidental events. Security is protection against intentional threats
- Five categories of 'General threats' within the mission area include: Armed Conflict, Terrorism, Crime, Civil Unrest, and Hazards
- Host Country has primary responsibility for safety and security of UNMO
- Situational awareness enhancement through regular briefings, situation maps, Unite Aware, coordination with locals, update from JOC and JMAC
- UNMO has essential responsibility for Individual safety and security: familiarise with UNSMS, security plan, risk management, etc
- Importance of proper preparation during the pre-deployment phase and in-mission onboarding process related to safety and security



Learning Activity 1

1. Definitions:

Safety: Protection against accidental events

- No “intent” to harm

Security: Protection against intentional damages

- There is “intent” to harm

Plenary Quiz
(True or False)

() True

() False

Learning Activity 1



2. UNMO fall under the UNSMS, with the UN reinforcing the host government's capacity as an employer.

☐ True

☐ False

Learning Activity 1



3. There is no need for a security officer to assess the living accommodations of UNMO personnel since it is the responsibility of the UNMO to ensure that the accommodation meets safety standards and is equipped with adequate security measures.

() True

() False

Learning Activity 1



4. The Travel Request Information Process (TRIP) is only required for UNMO when traveling on leave or for air patrols.

☐ True

☐ False



Learning Activity 2

Brainstorm

Total Time: 15 min

Preparation: 7 min

Discussion: 8 min

An UNMO assigned to a SHQ located in a medium risk city resides in rented accommodation downtown. During an outburst of civil unrest, the UNMO received contradictory directives from different sources:

- From ASC: *“All UN personnel must ‘work from home’ until situation calm down.”*
- From the SSMO: *“You must immediately come to the office. It is all hands-on deck in this difficult situation.”*
- From the consulate of UNMO’s nationality: *“All nationals from our country must evacuate immediately. Contact the Embassy now to receive additional guidance.”*

What would you do if you were that UNMO? Justify your response



Learning Activity 3

Scenario

- In recent days, several incidents of violence including armed confrontations and allegations of human rights violations have been reported around **TIRTH**.
- Local communities in **JERKSO** and **PIKSEK** are distrustful of UN presence due to perceived inaction on these issues.
- UNMO TSL decides to conduct a patrol to verify the information.



Learning Activity 3

Group Discussion

Total Time: 15 min

Preparation: 8 min

Discussion: 7 min

Tasks

- **Group 1**
What are the potential risks to consider before going on patrol?
Discuss the impact these risks could have if they occur.
- **Group 2**
What are the potential risks to the safety and security of UNMO,
and how can they be mitigated?
- **Group 3**
What coordination measures are necessary to ensure the
safety and security of the UNMO patrol?